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County Executive Aisha Braveboy Talks All Things with Residents

by Erica Johns

Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah Synagogue hosted Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy for a community discussion on Sunday, February 8, with about 75 attendees from Greenbelt and beyond. It being the first time in 20 years a county executive visited Mishkan Torah, the audience was welcoming, though several substantive questions arose. The event included Braveboy's prepared remarks about faith and local issues, queries of particular concern from Mishkan Torah and audience questions. Attendees included City Councilmembers Frankie Fritz, Emmett Jordan, Danielle McKinney, Jenni Pompei, Silke Pope and Kristen Weaver and City Manager Josué Salmerón. Mishkan Torah Men's Club President Mark Shroder moderated the event.

Faith, Unity

Braveboy said she is a woman of faith and called religion a force

for unity. She believes the American dream is for everyone, and it's sad to see what's happening



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

About 75 Greenbelters and other Prince Georgians gathered on Sunday, February 8 at Greenbelt's Mishkan Torah Synagogue for a discussion with Prince George's County Executive Aisha Braveboy.

to many seeking it. She said good people of all faiths unite for inclusion and civil rights, and cited the Jewish community's history of doing so.

"You are valued, your families are valued and your religion is valued in Prince George's County," said Braveboy. Prince George's County Police Chief George Nader monitors intelligence and incidents affecting the Jewish community and increases patrols accordingly, Braveboy added.

She said her June 2025 inauguration speech emphasized unity because recent past conflict among county officials did not help residents, especially amid federal divisiveness. She spoke about ensuring county residents "have a government they can believe in," and resolving internal differences in favor of addressing external impacts on the county.

First Eight Months

Braveboy said her early results include reducing homicides by 40 percent and carjackings by 58 percent; increased hiring of police and fire personnel, 911

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City Council Considers State Legislation, ATHA and Snow

by Lesley Kash

The Greenbelt City Council met Monday, February 2 for a worksession focused primarily on proposed state legislative bills deemed relevant to Greenbelt. Council also considered Maryland's recently published 2030 Housing Production Targets, heard about the programs of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area

(ATHA) and advocacy against a proposed data center from the No Landover Data Center group. City Manager Josué Salmerón updated council on persistent snow and ice remediation issues.

Legislative Bills

Just over two weeks into the

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School Budget Process Violates Policies, Preempts Board Input

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The proposed budget for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) for 2027 has taken many by surprise, not least with its timing. Some impacted communities are still unaware that their students will be affected as soon as this summer by the interim superintendent's proposed budget that was presented with specific cuts outlined for the first time only on January 22. The timeline is in clear violation of PGCPS Board Policy 3130, which states that the superintendent's proposed budget must be presented to the board by the last

regularly scheduled board meeting of December. A waiver may be requested, notes the policy, but it wasn't. The difference in the timeline is between a budget presentation that should have taken place at a public meeting on December 1, 2025, and the presentation that happened seven and a half weeks later, on January 22, 2026. The FY 2027 proposed budget book was not published until January 30. In addition, PGCPS administration began acting on the superintendent's proposed budget on January 23 as if it had been adopted, prior to any public hearings or the formal adoption of the budget by the board.

Abbreviated Timeline

PGCPS Board Policy 3130 outlines that the superintendent's presentation of the proposed budget in December must be followed by a minimum of two public hearings to allow for community engagement and feedback and then the Board of Education must adopt a budget and submit it to the County Executive on March 1. Instead of three months between a December 1 presentation of the interim superintendent's proposal and a March 1 submission, the

Board of Education is now squeezing three public hearings into the month of February - one took place on February 5 and others were planned for February 12 and February 19. The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt their budget on February 26 and then transmit it to the county on February 27. Parents complain this hasn't given time for meaningful engagement and feedback from those impacted, who are only now hearing about what is planned for their schools, communication that was delayed further by over a week of school closures and snow taking priority. In addition, PGCPS began acting on January 23 to close programs identified for cuts in the proposed budget, just a day after its presentation to the Board of Education, including sending letters to students who had already applied to affected programs. Yet those changes remain to date only a proposal by the interim superintendent, not yet adopted by the Board of Education.

Budget Only a Proposal

School Board Member Jonathan Briggs represents District

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What Goes On

Monday, February 16
Presidents Day Holiday: No City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Advisory Board/Committee Interviews, Virtual

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Impromptu band performance for the weekly Friday afternoon protest at Spellman Overpass, featuring, from left, Vanessa Zanin, Rebecca Hoop, other local musicians and mascot, Captain Midnight.

Letters to the Editor

A Letter Correction

The New Deal Café (NDC) board would like to correct an error that appeared in a letter in the February 5 issue of the News Review.

In his letter, Mr. Beron stated that food and beverage vendors do not receive the revenues from liquor sales. This is a mistaken assumption.

Although this was the case in years past, recent vendors have received these profits, not the NDC. And most of our previous vendors did make a profit from their association with the Café.

Mr. Beron's comments about the feasibility of the current business model have merit, and, with input from our members and patrons, the NDC board will consider options to make our operations more efficient and profitable.

John Campanile
President, NDC Board

The Emperor's Clothes?

I wish to thank New Deal Café's Audit Committee, Rex Wingerter (chair), Ray Zammuto and Teresa Petrovic for sending to the NDC membership the February 9, 2026, Memorandum: Policy Options Regarding the Future of the New Deal Café. It is possibly the finest work I've seen regarding the operation of the New Deal Café.

Their clear-eyed analysis and prognosis are spot on, consolidating many of the observations folks have made over the years. In it, they also laid out some possible and difficult futures of the Café. I hope all involved with the Café can find the correct path and the courage to move forward.

Frank Kayser

Trash Pilot Concerns

I am writing to share concerns about the Purple Bag trash pilot program. A few of my neighbors are not English speakers, and I am worried they may not be fully informed about the program's requirements. As a result, trash has been piling up in front of several homes. The trash truck has not picked up their trash for the past two weeks as the issue is continuing.

I have also noticed that someone has dumped their trash on the side of the street along Hanover Parkway, which is adding to the problem.

I wanted to bring this to your attention and ask whether additional outreach, especially in other languages, might help prevent further issues and keep our neighborhood clean.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Matthew Inzeo

Concern Regarding End To Immersion Program

I recently learned that the Chinese Immersion Program at Paint Branch Elementary School is planned to be closed. I believe this would be a significant loss for our city and our school community. PBES has been remarkably successful at integrating students from diverse backgrounds, and its Chinese Immersion status allows the school to support populations that often receive insufficient educational support elsewhere.

The presence of the Chinese Immersion Program was a key reason my family chose to live in College Park. While many University of Maryland faculty members choose to live in Montgomery

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Correction

Germaine Timmermans' name was misspelled in last week's issue.



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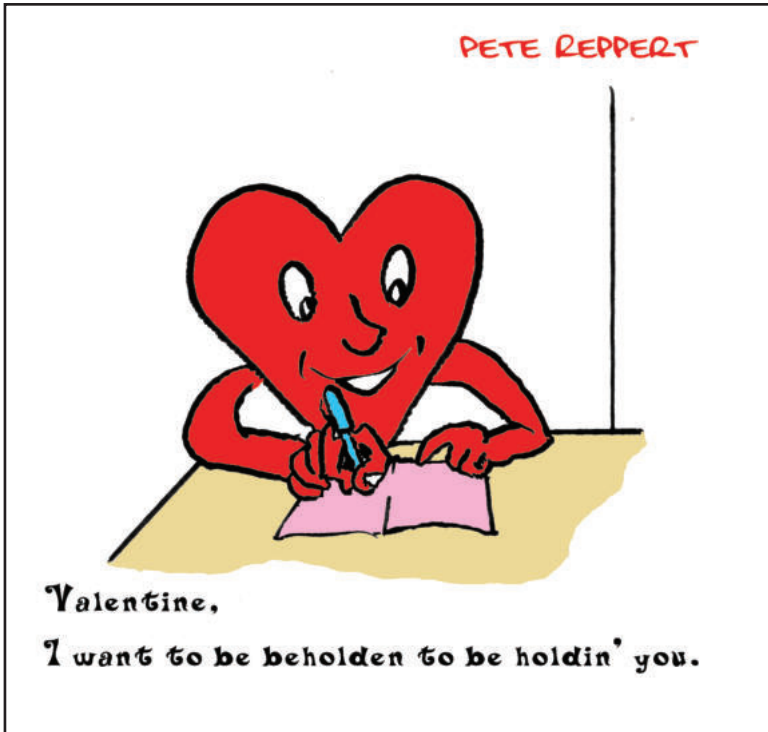
"Wuthering Heights" (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (136 mins)
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Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:15 PM
Sun. 2:10 PM (OC), 5:15 PM
Mon. 2:15 PM, 5:15 PM
Tue. 7:15 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Thurs. 4:00 PM

Song Sung Blue (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2025) (133 mins)
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 8:35 PM
Sat. 5:00 PM
Sun. 5:35 PM
Mon. 2:00 PM
Tue. 7:35 PM
Wed. 4:15 PM
Thurs. 7:20 PM

Sound of Falling
(NR) (2025) (155 mins)
German with English subtitles
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:00 PM
Sat. 7:50 PM
Sun. 2:00 PM
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Tue. 4:00 PM
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Thurs. 3:40 PM

Paul McCartney: Man on the Run
(2026) (126 mins)
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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.

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On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

“Wuthering Heights”

Tragedy strikes when Heathcliff (Jacob Elordi) falls in love with Catherine Earnshaw (Margot Robbie), a woman from a wealthy family in 18th-century England. Directed by Emerald Fennel.

Song Sung Blue

Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. Rotten Tomatoes reported the critics' consensus: "Bringing a sweet amount of dignity to the art of imitation, [the film] mostly avoids becoming a mere cover of the documentary on which it's based thanks to Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson's heartfelt performances."

Sound of Falling

Over the course of a century, as four girls from different time periods experience their youth on a German farm, their lives become intertwined until time seems to dissolve. "Haunting images layer the past and the present over the course of the film, making quiet connections that transport the audience to other worlds and times and, ultimately, to mortality," said critic Thelma Adams of AARP Movies for Grownups.

Paul McCartney: Man on the Run

What happens when you wake up the morning after leaving the most important rock band of all time? In April 1970, Paul released his first solo album, McCartney, alongside a shocking press release that announced the beloved band had split. When asked what he'd do next, he said his only plan ... was to grow up. The film captures Paul's transformative decade in the wake of The Beatles' break-up. Through stunning archival footage, Linda McCartney's exceptional photographs and interviews with Mick Jagger, Chrissie Hynde, Sean Ono Lennon, Mary and Stella McCartney, all the living Wings members and, of course, Paul himself, the film examines this time through a uniquely vulnerable lens.

Obituaries

Jacqueline Magness



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Jacqueline Magness

Jacqueline (Jackie) Brock Magness, a Greenbelt resident for 27 years, died on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at her home after an 18-month journey with breast cancer. She was 87. Jackie was born in Jacksonville, Fla., on July 11, 1938, to Kenneth G. Brock and Jacqueline R. Hoover. Her early days in the Sunshine State gave her a lifelong love of warm weather and ocean breezes. After graduating from Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga., with a bachelor of arts in elementary education, she and her best friend wanted to go to Europe. Her father had heard that teachers were needed in Alaska and the salaries were quite generous for the early 1960s. Those Florida girls decided they could handle one Alaskan winter if that would fund their trip to Europe! During that year, not only did Jackie fall in love with Alaska, but she also fell in love with Army Lt. Charles F. (Chuck) Magness, a helicopter pilot stationed at Fort Richardson. She taught for several more years in Alaska, was there for the massive Good Friday Earthquake in 1964 and married Chuck in June of that year. Their favorite daughter Julie was born in Anchorage, and their favorite son Charles was born in Fort Eustis, Va.

Jackie was a stay-at-home mom while her children were young, as Chuck's military career took

them from Alaska to Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Kansas, New York and Germany. As the children got older, she taught elementary school in the U.S. and Germany, including several years at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington, Va. Jackie loved teaching, and she would tell stories of the things her young students did, including one first grader who drew a picture of her – all legs from his perspective of her 5'9" height.

One of the parents she met while teaching was Liz Roslewicz, who became a dear friend of over 45 years. While both in their 50s, Jackie and Liz decided to continue their educations, with Jackie earning the degrees of Master of Science in adult and continuing

See OBITUARIES, page 12

Ole Hass Remembrance Rescheduled for Feb. 28

The Celebration of Life for Ole Hass will be held on February 28 at 2:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue, College Park. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

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Greenbelt Bahá’í Community
www.greenbeltbahais.org

Sue Krofchik

Longtime resident and News Review volunteer Sue Krofchik died on Sunday, February 8. Viewing is at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, on Monday, February 16, 3 to 5 p.m.

Funeral is Tuesday, February 17 at 9 a.m. at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Road, Beltsville. Burial is at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, at 11:30 a.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to St. Gregory's.

GCC Hosts Pancake Supper on Feb. 17

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The meal is free, though a good will offering will be accepted. Any money collected will go to local charities, including the local food bank, Help By Phone. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.



We are deeply saddened to hear of the death of Sue Krofchik, who spent many long hours working for the News Review. A full obituary will be published next week.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Jacqueline (Jackie) Magness, who died on January 13. She lived in Greenbelt for 27 years after living in many other states. She was known for her love of teaching and zeal for travel.

Congratulations to Matthew Inzeo who was recognized as De-

cember's Prince George's County Police Officer of the Month for his role in apprehending a car-jacking suspect while on duty.

Congratulations also to Stan Zirkin for being named to the Capital Area ProBono Attorney Honor Roll. For the past 13 years Stan has served as a volunteer attorney for the Workers' Rights Clinic, which is part of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

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Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associate Lula Beatty

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 16-20

Monday, February 16, **NO MEETING - PRESIDENT’S DAY**

Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm, **REPARATIONS COMMISSION** *On the Agenda: Community Questions, Discussion of the Reparations Framework, and Discussion of the Style Guide*

Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm, **ENVISIONING A NEW PARK AT INDIAN CREEK** at *Springhill Lake Recreation Center*

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION - ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS (VIRTUALLY)**

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

CURRENT GAIL PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs **FREE** of charge. For more information, email Katherine Farzin at kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 542-2019.

- **OPEN COMPUTER LAB FOR ADULTS** 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Weekly sign-up required.
- **FREE MONTHLY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION** Greenbelt Residents Only. First time participants must provide proof of residency, state-issued ID, birth certificate (or copy) for each child.

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

February 19, March 19, and April 16 at 1 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

The Monthly Food Distribution is a community resource here for you, your family, your neighbors - everyone! The dates are February 19, March 19, and April 16 located at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 at 1:00pm while supplies last. Please don't forget to bring your CAFB card! Don't have one? You can sign-up for a free card same-day and receive food.

SPRING & SUMMER CAMP GUIDE 2026

www.greenbeltmd.gov/camps

We are excited to share our plans for Spring and Summer Camps in Greenbelt with you! Full-day camp options are available for youth ages 3 ½ - 17 years. Before care and after care options are available as well.

- Resident registration began Monday, February 9
- Non-resident registration begins Tuesday, February 17 at 10 am

We can't wait to welcome you to our camps! Please call (301) 397-2200 or (301) 397-2208 for more information.



Sunday, 02/01 Artful Afternoon: Harlem Art Party! Go back with us to 1926, Harlem, NYC! 1 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Ground Floor East

Saturday, 02/07 Regina's Black Artifacts Pop-Up Museum: 9 AM-4 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Rooms 201 & 202

Sunday, 02/08 Artful Afternoon: Harlem Art Party! Go back with us to 1926, Harlem, NYC! 1:30 PM Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Game Room

Sunday, 02/08 Art Exhibit Opening Reception: 1-3 PM New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Wednesday, 02/11 Dr. C.R. Gibbs (historian) To Follow The Path of Liberty: The Forgotten Struggle of Blacks in England and the Americas During the War for Independence: Golden Age Club 11 AM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Room 201

Monday, 02/16 Reel & Meal: Black Power Mix Tape 1957-1975: 6:30 PM New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and virtually through Zoom

Saturday, 02/21 Interactive Historical Reenactments & Greenbelt Middle School Student Essay Contest Award Ceremony: 2-4 PM Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Room 106 (Gym)

Presented by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee, Greenbelt Recreation, and the Greenbelt Rotary Club.

HEALTHY FOOD MAKES CENTS!

Thursday, February 19 at 11 am

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 201

Learn why eating more whole foods like whole grains, beans, vegetables, and fruits is not only great for your health, but also for your budget. Join Greenbelt Recreation and Food For Life in this fun and supportive class!

FREE - Registration Required

Contact: Priya Gardner Lemieux at pgardner@greenbeltmd.gov or call (240) 542-2056

BILINGUAL PRE-K STORY HOUR HORA DE CUENTOS DE PREKINDER

Friday, February 13 | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join us on the second Friday of every month!

Children Ages 0-5

Come and enjoy the wonderful work of storytelling and free health snacks. Friends & family are all welcome to attend.

Niños de 0-5 años

Ven y disfruta del maravilloso mundo de contar cuentos y bocadillos saludables port gratis. ¡Amigos y familiares bienvenidos!

This series is sponsored by RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness); Prince George's County Memorial Library System; Greenbelt Recreation, American Legion Auxillary, and Greenbelt COOP.

Contact joseph.vincent@gpcmls.info or spreadruak@gmail.com.



GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.



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Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx.

The School For Super-Heros Presents “Orlando Furioso,” The Musical

3/7 at 7pm, 3/8 at 3pm, 3/14 at 2pm & 7pm *Greenbelt Community Center Gym*. A group of students don't feel like they fit in at a high school for super-powered teenagers. Drawing on their combined abilities, they decide to produce the most ambitious high school musical in history! Call the Community Center business office (301) 397-2208 to purchase tickets (\$5).

Plus...a prologue! THE ADVENTURES OF GRIFFON AND AQUILANT

3/8 at 1pm, 3/17 at 7pm *Greenbelt Community Center Gym*. This short and lively show is a freestanding prologue to Orlando Furioso that is perfect for younger theatergoers. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call the Community Center business office (301) 397-2208.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Art Share (meet-up)** 2/15; 2-3pm Greenbelt Community Center, Room 113 sugeni.us/eQTD
- **Senior Art Social: Knit & Crochet 101** 3/3; 2-3:30pm Greenbelt Community Center
- **March Artful Afternoons** 3/1; 1-2pm & 2-3pm (Greenbelt Community Center) and 3/8; 1:30-2:30pm (Springhill Lake Recreation Center) Sign up here: sugeni.us/ePwG

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/know-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

CITY OF GREENBELT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS

Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, a municipal corporation, has initiated legislative action to annex three large areas of tax-exempt land, as described below:

- **BARC Annexation Area #1 (Resolution # 2125-2026):** Consists of approximately 223 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the United States Government (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center).
- **BARC Annexation Area #2 (Resolution # 2126-2026):** Consists of approximately 843 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the United States Government (Beltsville Agricultural Research Center).
- **BARC/NASA Annexation Area #3 (Resolution # 2127-2026):** Consists of approximately 1,196 acres of tax-exempt land owned by the United States Government (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

The annexation resolutions were initiated by the City Council pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, Local Government Article, § 4-403.

The exact legal descriptions and annexation plans for the above Annexation Areas are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/news, or may be reviewed in person at the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, between the hours of 9am and 4pm., Monday through Friday.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexations on March 9, 2026, at 7pm, in the Council Room at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Public testimony will be received by the City Council at the hearing.

Written comments may be presented at the public hearing or submitted in advance to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk
City of Greenbelt
301-474-8000

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of President's Day.

THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 16

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, February 20

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time and resources to address safely and effectively.”

Due to the rapid freezing and quick formation of ‘snowcrete,’ their equipment and labor force was not enough. “Equipment was strained by these conditions, requiring us to increase manpower and bring in additional contractors to continue operations,” said Knight.

This was a similar issue across the city and state.

Warnings Issued

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby told the News Review that Community Development issued verbal warnings and notice of violations to several properties, primarily apartment complexes and home owners associations, during the first two weeks following the storm. To date, no citations had been issued. Enforcement efforts will continue this week, said Hruby on Monday, including issuing fines when warranted.

Greenbelt requires snow removal 48 hours after the weather event before providing notice of violations and citations. Nearby College Park requires removal after 24 hours. One College Park resident who comes to Greenbelt for work shared their warning notice to clear the public sidewalk in front of their house that was issued on January 29, with a compliance date of February 5.

Responsibilities

Homeowners are responsible for sidewalks in front of their property but in apartment complexes, the landlords or management companies are. Thus, across the city responsibilities varied from individuals to apartment complexes and HOAs.

Residents took it upon themselves to clear sidewalks in crucial areas regardless of responsibility. Ameerah Bridges, a Franklin Park resident, said she shoveled out her own car Monday morning after the storm because no maintenance crews had arrived. “We didn’t have salt over here,” Bridges said. “Neighbors were shoveling out. [Maintenance was] nowhere to be found.”

Bridges, who has multiple sclerosis and uses a cane at times, said she is not supposed to shovel due to her disability but felt she had no alternative. She said when plows eventually arrived, salt was applied and then scraped away, leaving behind solid ice.

Travel Difficult

According to Bridges, Breezewood Drive was reduced to a single lane after the storm, and Metro buses avoided their usual route through the complex.

Snowbanks near sidewalks created visibility issues for children walking to and from Greenbelt Middle School, which reopened



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

The sidewalk opposite Springhill Lake Elementary School, at the end of the school crossing, at midday on Wednesday, February 4, the day schools reopened. Parents complained walking routes were uncleared and dangerous for children when the county reopened the schools.

on Wednesday, February 4, said Bridges. “You can’t really see the children,” Bridges said. “Drivers can’t see them because the mounds are so high.”

Because of road and sidewalk conditions, Bridges delayed sending her daughter back to school. Although schools reopened with a two-hour delay on Wednesday, February 4, Bridges said her daughter’s first day back at Greenbelt Middle School was Thursday.

Springhill Lake Elementary is also located in Franklin Park and the sidewalk opposite the school was filled with snow and ice when schools reopened.

Carla Gordon, another resident of the apartment complex, said along Springhill Drive sidewalks connecting parking lots to residential buildings were not cleared until late February 6, nearly two weeks after the storm.

“We did not have sidewalks giving us accessibility from the parking lots to anything other than the main entrances,” Gordon said.

Treacherous Conditions

Gordon said she and her daughter both slipped and fell on ice outside their building. Her daughter sustained injuries that required ongoing treatment. “It was extremely treacherous,” Gordon said. She said she contacted Franklin Park management February 6 with photos and video documenting the conditions. Sidewalks were cleared later that night, but she said large patches of ice remained untreated. “There are still areas that need to be salted or sanded,” she said.

Gordon also raised concerns about residents with mobility limitations. She described a neighbor who uses a walker and is unable to travel safely beyond the parking lot. “She could get out of her building,” Gordon said, “but then she couldn’t do anything else.”

Snow Removal Variable

Both Gordon and Bridges said snow removal efforts varied

widely by location within the complex. “They made it accessible for us to come and pay rent,” Gordon said, “I think they were focused on the wrong areas.”

Gordon acknowledged the storm was more severe than typical winter weather in the region but said a lack of preparation and communication worsened conditions.

“I don’t feel like anyone was necessarily prepared or proactive in making sure that things were clear,” Gordon said.

Residents also expressed frustration with limited communication from city officials. Gordon said she tagged city leaders in online posts and sent messages, but received little response until after sidewalks were cleared. “I feel like Franklin Park was forgotten about again,” she told the News Review.

“Snow and ice conditions, including hardened ‘snowcrete,’ created unprecedented challenges for both residential and commercial properties, particularly related to equipment limitations,” said Hruby.

Knight said Franklin Park thanks its residents and the city for their cooperation and communication throughout the event. “Residents helped by identifying areas that needed prioritization or additional attention due to refreezing. These situations truly highlight the importance of community collaboration, and we appreciate everyone’s patience and support as we worked through the storm together,” said Knight.

Residents who spoke with the News Review said they hope the situation leads to improved planning and coordination during future winter storms, particularly for residents with disabilities, families with children and those who rely on public transportation.

Laura Charleston is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

Dozens of Residents Saved from Snow By One Unwavering Greenbelter

by Stephen Lotz

Snow piled high across Greenbelt after the most recent winter storm, trapping residents inside their homes and burying cars along neighborhood streets for days on end. After the snowfall stopped, one resident spent nearly a week moving block to block, helping people clear their way out.

John Soule, a lifelong Greenbelt resident and the owner of Neighborhood Remodelers, a local contracting business, estimated that he helped 42 people clear snow, persisting even when he felt exhausted and his tools began to break. He also cleared walkways at the Greenbelt American Legion after learning that elderly residents and veterans were struggling to safely enter the building due to ice. “What else could I do but dig?” Soule said.

Soule said he decided to offer the help for free after seeing online posts advertising driveway clearing for hundreds of dollars, which he worried many older and disabled residents could not afford. “For some of our neighbors, that could be the difference between being able to eat that week or not,” Soule said.

Soule said he began by clearing snow in front of his own home, then drove through nearby neighborhoods and stopped when he saw people struggling to get out. In some cases, he said, residents were buried in by snowplows or trapped by thick ice. “I saw little old ladies that were out there with pickaxes trying to dig out their cars,” Soule said.

Soule said he worked from

morning until dark, often moving directly from one house to the next as neighbors asked for help. “Sometimes I’d be working at one person’s house and then a person two doors down would yell out the door and say, ‘Hey, can you, can you help me?’”

Soule said the response he saw during the storm reinforced his view of Greenbelt as a community. “Greenbelt has always been a place where people look out for each other,” he said.

The work came with physical and financial costs. Soule said some of his tools broke during the week, including a pickaxe that bent while he was breaking through ice. He also said his truck was damaged while navigating snow-covered streets, and the long days took a toll on his body.

“By the end of the second day, my hands were hurting so bad and my forearms were so tight that I couldn’t sleep at night,” he said. Yet he went back out to dig for more neighbors for four more days; shoveling for a total of six days straight.

Would he do it again? Soule said whether he does the same in future storms will depend on circumstances, but helping neighbors when he is able is something he values.

“I didn’t plan to do this and everything depends on the situation, but if I’m available, absolutely,” he said.

Stephen Lotz is a University of Maryland student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning at the Greenbelt News Review.

Schools Add Instructional Days

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will now be open on the following days: March 20, May 27 and June 15 to 18. March 20 was originally scheduled to be off for Eid al-Fitr.

Although Presidents Day was considered as a potential make-up day, schools and offices will remain closed on February 16. Instead, at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 4, the board approved adding one additional make-up day to their five scheduled ones: June 18. PGCPS will ask the state for a waiver of the 180-day requirement and if that is denied they will add Monday, April 6 as an instructional day. In the event of another winter storm or inclement weather, PGCPS will implement virtual learning to avoid losing more instructional days. Their virtual learning plan

was presented to and approved by the board on Wednesday, February 4. For more on decisions around the school calendar and virtual learning see the February 5 issue.



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Snow Removal Violations

Community Development issued verbal warnings or Notice of Violations during the first two weeks following the storm event to the following properties:

Charlestowne North: 8150 Lakecrest Drive
Franklin Park: ALL
GHI Parkway Apartments: 21-27 Parkway
Glen Oaks: 7509 Mandan Road
Greenbrook Estates and Greenbrook Village
Greenway Shopping Center
Jane Apartments: 8-14 Parkway
Lerner University Square: 157 Westway
Motiva: 6440 Cherrywood Lane
Parkway Gardens Apartments: 2-6/16-22 Parkway
MRI Hanover Parkway
Post Office: 7600 Hanover Pkwy
Windsor Green HOA: Ora Glen Drive
7701 Greenbelt Road

WIFEY UNKNOWN

Written & Directed by Abhisek Bhattacharya

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Wifey Unknown at GAC Is A Show Full of Deep Passions

by Greg Young



PHOTO BY GREG YOUNG

From left to right: Abhisek Bhattacharya, Didhiti Mukherjee, Sumanta Banerjee and Lexi Kay will perform in *Wifey Unknown* at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Once again Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is bringing wide-ranging and worldwide experiences of local talent to the local theatrical community thirsting for a unique audience experience in live performances. Born and raised in India, Abhisek Bhattacharya has been writing, directing and performing in his plays for decades. His work has been seen in India, the United Kingdom and Canada, and in the United States in Los Angeles, New York, Kansas and most recently Silver Spring, Maryland.

Bhattacharya, who currently lives in Bethesda, focuses heavily on live theater and the independent art scene, blending cultural heritage with contemporary narratives. Now Greenbelt audiences will have the opportunity to be the first to see his most recent creation, *Wifey Unknown*.

This is an emotionally driven show with deep passions on full display by all the characters, and a storyline with which any audience member can identify. When hope and dreams clash with parental love and cultural changes, the viewer will see it as a metaphor for similar experiences in their own lives. The play, directed by Bhattacharya, is the story of hopes lost and found, grief and guilt accrued and erased, and love questioned and prospered in the context of Rita, a teenage athlete whose life-threatening injury during a competition changes the

course of her life. Tormented by grief and guilt, plagued by suicidal thoughts, and neglected by her work-addicted husband, Rita finally confronts her inner demons after a friend saves her from a near-death experience.

Bhattacharya and his company, Hattimatim-Team, founded in 2019, is a bilingual community theater company based in Maryland to primarily develop new, unpublished work by emerging playwrights.

In recent years they have performed original plays all over the U.S., from Los Angeles to off-off-Broadway play festivals in New York City.

Having been the first outsider to view a portion of the play in a recent rehearsal, this reviewer assures the reader that they will have an experience leaving them deep in thought and introspection. The staging is simple and emphasizes character performances which at times are raw and sensitive.

Take a break from this cold winter weather and get warm watching a performance worth seeing. Performances are weekends starting Friday, February 13 and ending Saturday, February 21.

Warning: The central character suffers from severe grief and guilt, and at one point in the play, experiences suicidal impulses.

Tickets are required. For more information visit greenbeltartscenter.org.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

While the rest of the world was glued to Superbowl LX, a couple dozen "nonbelievers" chilled out at the New Deal Café to the sometimes soothing and other times lively tones of The Phraseology Quartet, with (L-R) Seth Kibel on clarinet/flute, Sambarta Rakshit on sitar, Haroon Alam on tabla and Sid Lahiri on guitar. They presented traditional and experimental pieces drawing on Indian classical and folk themes infused with elements of jazz and flamenco.

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This gathering on Feb 14 is non-partisan and focused entirely on well-being, healing, and community care for:

- Former federal workers and contractors affected by the RIF
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Date/Time: Saturday, February 14, 2026 • 3:00-4:30 PM (EST)
Location: Meditation Museum, 9525 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Admission: Free event

More info: rif2rise.org

Black History Month

The Black Power Movement Is Focus of February Reel and Meal

by Donna Hoffmeister

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 is a 2011 collage of rare, archival footage covering the Black Power Movement and the social changes that took place in the 1960s and early '70s. It's more a time machine than distant history. Assembled from long-lost Swedish television footage, it splices together interviews and remarks made during one of the most turbulent and transformative periods in American life.

The film captures rare, startlingly candid moments with figures who defined the Black Power Movement – Stokely Carmichael, Angela Davis, Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver and others – speaking not for the record, but in the moment. Decades later, activists shaped by that era, including Erykah Badu, Harry Belafonte, Talib Kweli, Melvin Van Peebles and Sonia Sanchez, provide voice-over reflections on what it meant then – and why it still matters now.

The Black Power Mixtape explores the movement's push for self-reliance, pride and truthful history, while also grappling with its internal debates and contradictions. The film examines tensions between nonviolent civil rights activism and Black Power nationalism, opposition to the Vietnam War, the government's covert COINTELPRO campaign and the heroin epidemic that devastated Black communities. It also traces how the movement helped spark second-wave feminism, gay liberation and Native American struggles for justice.

The Black Power Movement reshaped how racial justice is talked about and organized in the United States today. Ideas like self-determination, community control, cultural pride and skepticism of state power show up today in movements such as Black Lives Matter, prison abolition organizing, mutual aid networks and debates over policing and surveillance. Even the tensions the film documents – nonviolence versus militancy, media framing, government repression – are the same fault lines still seen in contemporary activism. The Black



PHOTO FROM THE FILM

Black Power Mixtape is this month's Reel & Meal feature.

Power Mixtape reminds us that today's struggles are rooted in questions first fiercely argued half a century ago.

Netfa Freeman, the events coordinator and analyst for the Institute for Policy Studies, will lead the discussion following the film. He is also an organizer in Pan-African Community Action (PACA), on the Coordinating Committee of the Black Alliance for Peace, and is co-producer/host for the radio show and podcast Voices With Vision on WPFW 89.3 FM that airs Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

The film will be shown at the

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. (note earlier start time). Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues. The Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee sponsors this month's film. While the film is free, the Café has a full dinner menu for purchase including several plant-based options. The screenings are hybrid: in person at the Café and via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person can register to watch via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/RnMFeb2026>.



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Carol Slatin enjoys the News Review, and a beverage, on the beach in Anguilla.



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Love Notes



J.
Happy Valentine's Day to
my sweetest little angel!
Love, S.

He's shreddin' on the trike
She's bustin' wordplay on the mic
He's throwin' down in the kitchen
Tooth fairy's favorite when one's a missin'
Going to "NASA work" to watch 'em penguin vids
She's the pet whisperer from ants to squishy squids
Diggin' in the snow
Diggin' out that book pile
Shaya and Ilan, yo
You make our hearts smile

Love to all the Greenbelt News
Review's staff and volunteers for
your dedication to high quality local
news we look forward to reading.

Mole!
I love you.
—Mole

Happy Valentine's Day
Aaron!
Love you!

“Hey, do you know who sounds
like an owl?”

Do you know who
loves you and your
dad jokes? I do!

My Love,
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
I can't wait, to Marry You!
Love you so much,
Ayana

To B,
Let's have another
make-out sesh in the CP
city hall parking lot!
Love,
E

Thank you to the Greenbelt Honk! Situation
community street band, for bringing fun and
energy to Greenbelt every time you play.

Happy Valentine's Day to the love of my life
who gave me the life that I love.
Kimberly Zevallos, will you be my Valentines
again and again.
I love you Colocha.

Don't let the T-jerk get
you down
Be glad at least to have
our town
He's not the first oaf
Nor the last.
Sooner or later, he'll be
past.

I love my family and who wouldn't
Do without them, no I couldn't.
Top of the class is Mister Rick
To do it again, it's him I'd pick.

“You dance love, and you dance joy, and you dance
dreams.” – Gene Kelly
Thank you, Greenbelt Dance and Recreation!

The News Review becomes a rarer
bloom. Volunteer to keep her afloat.

If you're in for a penny
And in for a pound
Our lives will be comfy
With kisses all round.
We'll have us some babies
A dog and a cat
We'll make it to 90
And what's wrong with that?

If you are fond of gourds,
join the Farmers Market board!
There will be fruit and flowers
If you'll give us a few hours.
Love bread fresh from the oven?
Come and help us govern!

Consider Greenbelt Farmers Market board
membership. It could be true love.
Email board@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

Some roses are red.
Violets? ~~are~~ near blue.
I'm such a picky cove;
You I picked true.

¡Mi queridísima Anita! Con alegría,
despierto a tu lado cada día. El calor de
tu abrazo disipa el frío. Tu mirada llena
la casa de luz y amor. La miel de tus
besos endulce la amargura del mundo.
Y cada noche, sueño con otro día junto
a ti.
Siempre tuyo, Marcos.

Ben - the protagonist of your
favorite book.
Lclyf filhy p svcl fvb tvyl.
Khpzf zh fz op.
svcl, yhclu.

Love to all the Johns
out there, but mine is
the best.

Love Greenbelt
CO-OP Supermar-
ket & Pharmacy staff
for keeping us fed,
healthy and smiling.

Oak and Birch,
Annoyingest of cats
We love you anyway.
C,B,D, and R

Our Young house is Wild,
love's loud on repeat.
Roo keeps us chillin',
while Pepper adds heat.
A clever Fox grins,
wet noses, soft feet.
Laughter, chaos, and joy;
My dreams are complete.
Love you all.
T\$

N,
You are the stars to my night sky and the waves to my
shore. Without you, I am not me. I love you lots.
- P

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Henry, your generous heart and sharp mind inspire us every day. It is a gift to watch you grow into such a thoughtful and capable young man. We are so proud to be your parents.

On bike runs or after our break
O! The conversations we make
With puffins aplenty
Til years five and twenty
And More! You, Dear, take the cake!



To my loving wife /
Stega Dreamcast, who
is always in my heart.
Love you forever.
Joe

Nahl,
Kaatun kaise raataan o saawre
Jiya nahi jaata sun baawre
Ke raataan lambiyan lambiyanre
Kate tere sangeyan sangeyanre
Cham cham cham ambran de taare
Kehnde ne sajna
Tu hi chan mere is dil da mann leve sajna
Love,
Ian

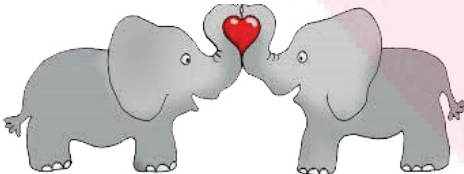
All truly beautiful things
are revealed in their time,
slowly, unheeding.

Loving,
pulsing to the rhythm of the heart.

TLB



Dearest Raluca,
After the frigid cold and the icy snows,
let's cuddle under covers
to warm our frozen toes :-).
Happy Valentine's Day!
Pupici, Eric al tău



I love ... little baby Buttons
Odd ceramic cups
Slow cooking grains
and skeins

I love ... sweet country songs,
sleep when it's long,
KOOP all Saturday
and gray

Roses are red;
violets are blue.
There was ne'er a fruit
as sweet as Anna Lou



Papa Bear,
You are the rock of our family, as steady
and dependable as the moon. You make us
cackle, light up, swoon. We love
you like no otter, forever and a day.
Mama Bear & Baby Bear



Amelia ♥ and Victoria ♥
You are the GrrrREATest
Love, Becky

Maeve and Kai –
Just remember,
Love grows! Pops



Oh washing machine!
You're old but you clean!
When I put in a wash
You wash it by gosh-
Until all of my shirts
Are quite free of dirt
And now clearly state:
Greenbelt Is Great!



Teresa my love:
20 ears since the Corn Palace.
I love you!



MI PRINCESA, YOU ARE MY ALWAYS,
MY ADVENTURE, AND MY PEACE. WITH YOU, TIME
SLOWS, HEARTS ALIGN, AND EVERY ORDINARY
MOMENT TURNS INTO MAGIC, BECAUSE LOVING YOU
IS EVERYTHING FOREVER. YOU ARE MY HOME,
MY PEACE, MY TRUE LOVE.



SHE HATES BEING CALLED PET NAMES
BUT "DEAR MAMA" SHE IS JUST THE SAME.
THOUGH SHE'D SURELY PREFER CANDY
I'M SENDING THIS POEM TO SANDY



Roses are red
You power my soul
My World Famous
Greenbelt Utility Pole



Two hearts, two minds, two souls,
one perfect match.
Every day with you fills me with
love and joy,
I am yours forever!
Love, Matt



A - Even with a missing piece my love
for you is complete.
I'll be here to hold your hand and
massage your feet. I love you. C



I am so happy in this little big life we have
created together.
Te amo tanto mi corazón. <3



No matter how hard the beans are,
how skewed my serving time estimate is,
or how loosely I follow the recipe;
my love for you is always in heavy rotation

Molly, your intelligence, creativity, and
natural charm bring joy into our lives. We
admire the way you work hard and always
rise again with strength and grace. We are
so proud of you; a steady, determined, and
wonderfully imaginative young lady.



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A close-up photograph of a stack of five golden-brown pancakes. A pat of butter sits on top, and a thick stream of maple syrup is being poured over it, cascading down the sides of the stack. The background is softly blurred, showing a white bowl and a glass of milk, suggesting a breakfast setting.

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operators, teachers and some school bus drivers; and reducing by 90 percent a 28,000 backlog of 311 county service requests.

She said hiring interim county school superintendent Shawn Joseph was necessary because “disunity” between the school board, former superintendent and teachers’ union obstructed teacher contract negotiations, which they were in the midst of, and she sought someone who is a good listener and fair. She said Joseph and the union reached an agreement within three days of his appointment, leading to a contract and salaries that enabled the county to hire 1,000 teachers. Braveboy did not mention that the union contract negotiated under Joseph, among other items, has led to a 150-million-dollar deficit in the schools’ budget since Joseph took over. Nor did she speak to the large severance package of the former superintendent, which was released without any dollar amounts included, lacking fiscal transparency, and without being voted on by the Board of Education, which the Office of Integrity and Compliance determined “constitutes a separate and serious matter beyond the scope of this Management Advisory.” Referencing Joseph possibly applying for the permanent superintendent position, Braveboy pledged public processes to vet and select candidates and said a vetting team has been chosen.

Promoting commercial development for tax revenue, she took credit for the Sphere planned for National Harbor, an event venue with a wraparound immersive LED screen similar to the larger Las Vegas Sphere, predicting \$1.6B in economic impact, including 3,000 construction jobs, 4,000 permanent jobs including technology and creative professions and opportunities for local businesses.

Speaking directly to Greenbelters, she called for “waiting this president out” by making needed investments to prepare for bringing the FBI headquarters to Greenbelt. She sees an exciting future for Prince George’s, a talented, smart community with a lot to offer, whose story it’s her job to tell, a story she said is getting noticed and producing results, with more announcements to come.

Development

When Shroder asked Braveboy what the county executive can do for affordable housing, she said since the county has the most underdeveloped Metro stations in the region, transit-oriented development makes sense for new, quality affordable housing, as well as infill development in established communities. She said Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has chosen developers for the areas around the Capitol Heights and Addison Road Metro stations, and that she’s focused on helping developers include retail with residential developments so residents can spend their money where they live.

She wants to invest in health sciences and technology businesses, and grow the local sports economy with a sports innovation hub for training, competitions and community use near the Morgan Boulevard Metro station as the Washington Commanders prepare to depart Northwest Stadium for Washington, D.C. She spoke of redeveloping the Northwest Stadi-



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

Prince George’s County Executive Aisha Braveboy poses with Greenbelt City Councilmembers after her talk at Mishkan Torah on Sunday, February 8. From left: Frankie Fritz, Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope, Braveboy, Jenni Pompi, Kristen Weaver and Danielle McKinney.

um area and the empty Six Flags site to add services to directly benefit Prince Georgians and add tax revenue.

BARC, NASA, Climate

Regarding the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and NASA, Braveboy said she believes the federal government has realized it can’t close BARC. Speaking about federal attempts to cut science programs and move government facilities from the region, she said to applause that, “We have to resist the goals of the administration,” and that she will work with persons of any political party to address shared human needs for family, work and childcare.

About protecting the remaining green belt, Braveboy said BARC land is protected. Mayor Emmett Jordan said changing BARC land use requires congressional action,

and that the city council and city manager are working to annex the land to give Greenbelt a voice in any land use decisions, adding “We’re doing everything we possibly can to protect that land.”

Resident Kathy Bartolomeo asked Braveboy what actions her administration is taking to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Braveboy said a Department of the Environment task force is implementing a county climate change plan, and invited Bartolomeo to participate by contacting department deputy director Derrick Coley. The 2022 Climate Action Plan on the department website calls for cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent (from 2005 levels) by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Data Centers

Shroder asked Braveboy whether and where data centers should

be built in the county. Though she didn’t answer whether they should be built here, she said they shouldn’t be in residential areas but could be in areas that won’t impact how people live. Braveboy said some county residents welcome a data center replacing a rubble field.

She said since the county shares a regional electricity grid with other jurisdictions that are choosing to build data centers, Prince George’s is impacted by increased electricity costs without the data center tax revenue obtained by those jurisdictions. “We have to be honest and talk about it.”

Referencing the county council’s November 2025 data center task force recommendations, she said choosing locations must be a public process, using overlay zones to designate areas appropriate for data centers. She added, “Negotiations will be very public, the public will have to know where data centers will be sited.” November 2025 reporting from Maryland Matters described the task force report as indicating data centers will be welcome in the county, under certain circumstances and via community approval processes.

Bartolomeo requested Braveboy’s position on hyperscale data centers, to which Braveboy said, “I don’t think we’ve gotten there yet in terms of discussions, but I don’t think there’s any reason to be secretive about what’s going to happen in your neighborhoods. It doesn’t make sense in my opinion. I think everything should be above board and people should

know. If you want to build something in an area, you should tell the people.”

Bartolomeo asked whether Braveboy supports prohibiting nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) between data center developers and public agencies, upon which Braveboy asked, “Why would they have NDAs?” Bartolomeo explained NDAs are often part of data center development negotiations. Braveboy said she doesn’t believe the county council’s data center task force contemplates NDAs, instead expecting a public overlay zone process to allow residents to know in which areas data centers could be built. [Creating overlay zones doesn’t preclude NDAs for potential projects. The task force report documents multiple public comments against NDAs.]

Small Businesses

Riverdale Park small

See BRAVEBOY, page 13

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors

on February 19, 2026

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on January 22, 2026
- b) Financial Matters
- c) Contract Matters

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Open Meeting Held on January 22, 2026
- b) Statements of Closed Meetings Held on January 22, 2026 & February 5, 2026
- c) Pipe Replacement Program Sequencing Document
- d) 2026 Yard Inspection Form
- e) Revised Employee Handbook
- f) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on March 5, 2026

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

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education and Doctor of Philosophy in adult learning and human resource development.

Jackie and Liz co-founded Light Works, Inc., a nonprofit educational corporation designed to foster collaborative learning to facilitate change in individuals, teams and groups. They became experts at conducting Myers-Briggs personality assessments and spent many years using the test to help information technology students at George Mason University learn the fine art of “people skills” to complement their technical knowledge.

Jackie moved to Greenbelt in 1999, where she quickly became involved in the community, serving on the city’s Advisory Committee on Education, acting as an election judge and attending Mass with the Catholic Community. She and Liz enjoyed trips to the condo they co-owned in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and RV trips to Georgia and Florida each winter. Jackie loved to travel, and she and Liz logged many miles visiting national parks, enjoying a boat trip in England and traveling in Alaska for several weeks via the ferry system, small planes and other vehicles.

All who met Jackie commented on her smile, infectious laughter, zest for life and caring nature. She was known for practical jokes, singing loudly off key to embarrass those around her (especially her daughter) and was even certified as a clown. She was will-

ing to try anything – including a brief stint at pickleball in her 80s.

She was diagnosed with two types of breast cancer in 2024 and underwent a double mastectomy. Unfortunately, her breast cancer metastasized to her bones. That didn’t stop Jackie – she continued to participate in her online Pilates, yoga and Tai Chi classes as well as weekly games with her Scrabble buddies. She lived life to the fullest.

Jackie is survived by her daughter Julie (Kathy Merritt) and son Charles (Lori), granddaughters Alexandra Engan (Kyle), Noelle Magness, Emily and Lauren Amman, and great-granddaughters Camilla Magness and Josephine Engan as well as a host of beloved friends and family members. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband and her brother Craig Brock.

The family suggests that to honor Jackie’s memory, one can make a donation to one of her favorite charities, which include World Central Kitchen (wck.org), Capital Area Foodbank (capitalareafoodbank.org) and Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org).

Greenbelt’s Catholic Community will celebrate Jackie’s life at their Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 15 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. Jackie’s remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery alongside her late husband at a date yet to be determined.

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looking at cuts to underenrolled programs, without naming any. Tyukavina says there was a “transition” letter shared on Class-Dojo on January 23, a day after the presentation of the proposed budget and the Friday before the snowstorm. That letter was dated January 27 and contained what she believes was “intentionally vague language” and communicated the immersion program’s “transition” as a fait accompli. At the time the community received that letter the budget book had not even been published, she noted.

Tiffany Kenworthy, parent of an immersion student at Greenbelt Middle School, told the News Review those parents were informed on February 4, in a meeting with the principal and academic dean, that there would be no new sixth graders entering the program. While the current students can finish the middle school program they entered, they have been told they won’t be able to continue on to a high school immersion since it is being cut. “This came without warning or input,” says

Kenworthy.

An article in next week’s issue will look at how the proposed budget cuts will impact Greenbelt in particular.

The author has two children who currently attend a PGCPs immersion program that is not among those proposed to be cut.

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County due to higher school rankings, we intentionally chose PBES for its Chinese Immersion program, and we strongly feel this decision has proven to be the right one.

I would also like to address the argument that newly arriving students cannot successfully join or keep up with the immersion program. This has not been our experience. My daughter transferred to PBES from Germany and entered directly into the 4th grade, having had no prior exposure to Chinese. She would have normally started 3rd grade, but she had to advance directly to 4th grade due to differences between the German and U.S. educational systems. Even despite this challenge, within two years, she made such significant progress that she is now able to participate in summer camps conducted entirely in Mandarin and is currently thriving in the Chinese Immersion program at Greenbelt Middle School, earning an A in both Chinese Literacy and Science, with 100 percent of instruction delivered in Mandarin.

Based on our experience, the concern that late-entry students cannot succeed in the program does not appear to be supported by evidence.

I respectfully urge Prince George’s County Public Schools to pay attention to reconsidering

the decision to close the Chinese Immersion Program. Preserving this program is critically important not only for current and future students, but also for families who choose to invest in and commit to nearby communities because of the unique educational opportunities PBES provides.

Anna Komarova
College Park Resident

[*Editor’s Note: The Paint Branch Elementary School Chinese Immersion Program is one that feeds into the continuation program of Chinese Immersion at Greenbelt Middle School.*]

On Snow Management

It is time to get smarter about snowstorms in the future after this past week prior to Groundhog Day.

I have seen repeatedly snowplows push snow and ice on sidewalks: not smart.

The City of Greenbelt should learn from the Finnish of Finland, where Snowcuber machines are used instead of plows.

In Canada a snowblower machine and long box trucker cleared snows in no waste time.

Bobcat machines and dump trucks are so outdated for a snowstorm.

Joseph Connor

City Notes

Code Enforcement inspected six commercial suites, 16 rentals and five complaints and issued five building permits. Economic Development and Grant Coordinator met with Roosevelt Center merchants.

The Animal Shelter (and donors) supplied pet food to neighbors in need. Residents are six cats, seven kittens and one dog. There are 15 active dog park permits and 103 spay/neuter vouchers have been issued, with 56 redeemed.

Public Works continued snow removal; mechanics repaired four vehicles. The Community Center kitchen closed briefly due to a burst pipe. Aquatic & Fitness Center staff, Public Works and contractors worked on pool temperature issues.

Recreation and Greenbelt Cinema presented snow day movies and Arts offered two dance parties with audio help from Park Rangers. An exhibition was installed in the Gallery.

For seniors, Therapeutic Recreation hosted Chess 101 and a Baltimore trip. A Museum guest lecture drew 81 attendees.

During January, CARES counseled 180 individuals; educated 53 learners and distributed food to 137 clients.



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Frankie Fritz suggested, “There are a lot of opportunities for infill development and redevelopment, especially in the longer term when there’s a little more certainty about the Metro site.”

Data Center Opposition

Paul Howe from Colmar Manor, a member of the No Landover Data Center group, addressed council about data center opposition. Data centers, he said, run 24/7, producing air and noise pollution. He said the task force

charged with approving the data center (Qualified Data Center Task Force, whose presentation is available on the County Council website) did not sufficiently consider opposition views and he requested Greenbelt’s support.

Snow Operations

Salmerón praised the efforts of Public Works, who dealt with snow and ice for 12 days straight. He also cited city administration efforts to prompt commercial property managers to speed up

snow clearance operations.

Jordan expressed concerns about uncleared areas, especially where the State Highway Administration arguably has responsibility. Several councilmembers reported complaints from constituents in different locations about snow impeding streets, sidewalks and bus stops, creating hazards for pedestrians and especially students. Salmerón described varied responses from management companies, and agreed to follow up.



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Greenbelt Police reported one domestic incident resulting in arrest for violation of a protection order.

Assault

On February 7 at 2:14 p.m. near 6242 Greenbelt Road, a man was hit in the face by another man who appeared to be about 35 years old. The man left in a Honda CRV.

Fight

On February 2 at 4:55 p.m. near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, an officer observed a group of men fighting and running in all directions. He was able to stop and detain three of them, and they said they were trying to stop the fight.

Trespassing and Burglary

On February 5 at 8:27 p.m. near 6110 Breezewood Drive, a man who was banned from Franklin Park was found in the storage area of the condemned building; he was arrested and taken to Prince George's County Department of Corrections for trespassing and burglary.

Fraud

On February 2 near 6404 Ivy Lane, a business reported that someone cashed the same check at different banks.

On February 4 near 6301 Ivy Lane, a check that a man mailed was stolen and altered.

Warrant Arrest

On February 2 at 7:33 p.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, an officer stopped a vehicle for expired tags, and the driver had an open warrant; he was taken to the Prince George's County Department of Corrections.

Shoplifting and Theft

On February 2 at 6:09 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two men stole merchandise and fled in a car.

On February 4 at 10:11 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man was caught shoplifting and was banned; at 12:44 p.m. near 7706 Hanover Parkway, a package was stolen from a doorstep; at 2:05 p.m. near 6404 Ivy Lane, a man was seen going into tenants' mail-

boxes; when confronted, he ran off and got into a black SUV; and at 5:18 p.m. near 13 Laurel Hill Road, painters were thought to have stolen wall art from a home during a job.

On February 5 at 4:49 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a girl was caught stealing, and was banned and released to her adult sister.

On February 6 at 2:43 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a banned shoplifter, who had been caught stealing multiple times, was arrested on a warrant through Prince George's County for theft and was taken to the Prince George's County Department of Corrections.

On February 6 at 1:38 p.m. near 6600 Capitol Drive, three men stole merchandise, then fled in a grey Mercury Montego (Va. GDVBEZ).

On February 8 at 2:18 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a shoplifter was arrested and issued a criminal citation.

Vandalism

On February 4 near 7511 Mandan Road, someone damaged the building's front door.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from Auto

All four wheels were stolen from a vehicle on February 2 near 7825 Mandan Road, and on February 7 near 7818 Hanover Parkway from a 2025 Toyota Camry, and near 7915 Mandan Road from a 2023 Toyota Highlander.

On February 6 near 7602 Mandan Road, a rear tag was stolen (Md. 8EY0608).

Vandalism to Auto

On February 3 near 404 Ridge Road, a vehicle had window and headlight damage.

On February 4 near 5717 Greenbelt Metro Drive, an unoccupied vehicle was damaged.

On February 5 near 1 Westway, someone loosened the lug nuts on both front tires of a vehicle.

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business owner Jonathan Katz-Ouziel spoke of cumbersome processes that hinder doing business with the county, requiring multiple steps with multiple agencies that don't talk to each other, and of rules further hindering small businesses. He asked about enabling small businesses to "do business with the place where we live." Braveboy said she is moving all procurement to a single office with one procurement policy, to enable holding one agency accountable. She said Procurement Director Alice Williams, who can restrict bids to small businesses, meets at least weekly with small businesspersons and recommended Katz-Ouziel meet with Williams.

Government Accountability

A Cheverly parent requested dashboards to make county service data transparent to residents, saying it is difficult to communicate with county government for accountability and figure out what to do when things go wrong. Her examples were difficulty obtaining county permits, which impedes housing and businesses and with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), speaking about a school bus catching fire shortly after her child exited the bus. "I couldn't find a single person to talk to about my child being in a school bus that was on fire," she said. She noted the inability to interrogate the school system about bus fires without bus safety data or to ask the permit office about how long it's taking to inspect a property without access to permit data.

Braveboy said the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement (DPIE) has created a small business division to expedite review for projects under 5,000 square feet, that DPIE is implementing processes for staff to engage individuals whose permits aren't moving and that data sources are being identified to create dashboards.

Braveboy apologized for the parent's school bus experience and said PGCPS operates independently of the county administration. She said the administration can model transparent behaviors for other agencies to adopt and asked the parent to contact her.

Education

A second Cheverly parent asked Braveboy to identify challenges PGCPS faces and her goals. She said a big challenge is serving special needs students, for



PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

Greenbelter Kathy Bartolomeo asks Braveboy's position on building large and hyperscale data centers in Prince George's County, non-disclosure agreements around data center development negotiations, and about county administration action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

whom late diagnoses can increase their needs and the cost to support them, so she and County Council Chair Krystal Oriadha are launching an early detection initiative. She said finding teachers and counselors for English learners is a challenge, as is increasing their standardized test scores to increase county scores. She also noted many students are excelling, and many parents and children love their schools.

Public Health, Religion

Shroder asked what the county executive can do about public health and the next pandemic, particularly in relation to religious communities, saying Mishkan Torah had two years without in-person services during Covid-19. Braveboy said she can facilitate discussion, follow the science, respect religious needs and identify alternatives, because it's "difficult for people to not be together to praise and serve God."

Transportation, Access

City Councilmember Frankie Fritz requested Braveboy's help in adding a Capital Bikeshare (CB) station at Greenbelt Metro, saying the already budgeted project has been repeatedly delayed. He called Greenbelt Metro the most important CB station in Greenbelt, since transit systems don't work if they're not connected. Braveboy pledged to follow up with Fritz and the county Department of Public Works.

Hyattsville resident Gloria Cline-Smythe asked for Braveboy's advocacy to add Sunday MetroAccess service for the elderly and disabled. She said, "Sunday morning is when I have my daily

bread. All I want is to get to church." Braveboy said she hears this from seniors countywide and pledged to talk with WMATA about whether "their current policy is the right policy."

Open Communication Channels

Braveboy said she was open to hearing from constituents and addressing the ideas and needs she heard at Mishkan Torah. She encouraged contacting her assistant Tracy Holland by email at tjholland@co.pg.md.us, and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Government Operations Chris Osuji also said he was available at cosuji@co.pg.md.us.

Tax Preparation Assistance

AARP's income tax return preparation assistance will resume this year in Greenbelt, coordinated through GIVES. It will take place on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Greenbelt Fire Department, 125 Crescent Road, by appointment only. Call 301-941-7123 to make an appointment.



Canasta Group Meets Mondays

The Greenbelt Canasta Group meets on Mondays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center Senior Game Room. Join in for casual and fun play. People of all levels are welcome to drop in to play. Check the Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activities Guide for more information.

Preschool Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual Open House on Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning September 2026.

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MAY YOUR DAY BE AS
BRIGHT AS YOUR SMILE.



Devyn, thank you for being my partner in life. Mason and Freya, you fill my days with fun and our little GHI with love. I am so lucky to have you all as my Valentines.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
(Heck no!) Though art more hot, and not just when
minisplits by yonder window break
Rough winds prefer thee to the buds of May
So to winter's gale shall my allusion make



Like a snow day, you bring play and laughter
And just as all is gorgeous robed in snow
With thrills, outdoor adventures, cocoa after
All's delightful poss'bil'ty with you, my beau

Who'd have thought I could, in winter, laugh?
- An argument teleological still you make! -
With wit & plans you spin me (right round) like a
spirograph
And keep me grinning, my infinity-ith pancake!



So thy eternal winter shall not fade
As long's our cozy cuddle doth endure
And even aft' our final escapade
Your wonder shall live on, my paramour

So long as women breathe, reach apogee
So long lives GNR, and GNR gives life to thee



TO OUR DEAR FELICIA, WHO IS OUR SISTER, MOTHER, CONFIDANTE, NURSE, NUTRITIONIST, ENTERTAINER, GIFT-BEARER AND TRUSTED LEADER AT THE SENIOR LUNCH. YOU, FELICIA, ARE OUR MOST FABULOUS VALENTINE.



Valentines Day Love to Mother Edith, Aunt Bernice, Sisters Ann, Donna, Susan, Rita, Carolynn, Wendy, Jane, Beth, the 22 women that call me Uncle Mike, all my Grandnieces, and my Good Hearted PGC Women Folk. Go ahead, make my day.



Whether flipping on a trampoline
Or chasing gorillas (by us, unseen)
Or interjecting with comment funny
Or luring flies (well, fly) with honey
Or leading minyan, singing loud,
reading Torah - we're so proud!!
You delight us all the time
And so, with love, we wrote this rhyme
For the sweetest boy who ever flossed!
(if we could, we'd send you snow and frost!)



Pops
Even when your body is tired,
your heart beats strong with
love. We love you!
Corita, Andrea, Kai and
Maeve



Once upon a midday query,
While I pondered life's wonderous woes,
I noted the date I woke from napping,
The day there came a tapping,
As if someone gently rapping,
Rapping for my hearts galore.
Tis no visitor, I muddled, tapping for your hearts galore.
This be the good life forevermore.
- From the G in JAG



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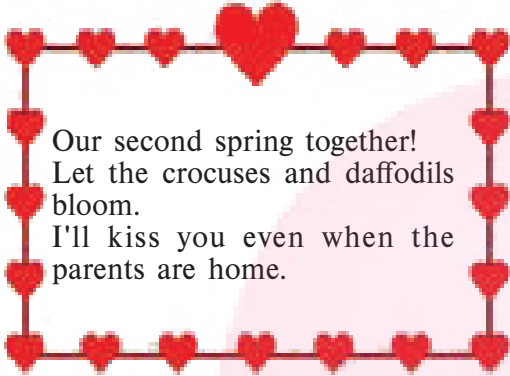
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Love Notes

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Our second spring together!
Let the crocuses and daffodils bloom.
I'll kiss you even when the parents are home.

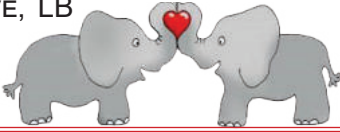


Dear Mom, Thx for rescuing me from New Orleans & mattresses or couches I've snuck into, being fast enough to catch me for trips to the vet for checkups, & always putting fluffy blankets out for me.

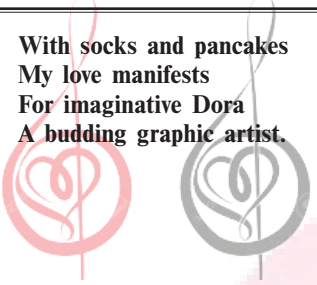
Love, Daisy.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO MY BIGGEST LOVE AND BESTEST FRIEND BR. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOU IN MY LIFE, AND LAZ IS TOO!

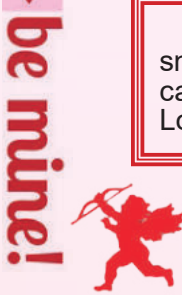
LOVE, LB



With socks and pancakes
My love manifests
For imaginative Dora
A budding graphic artist.



Rosie, oh Rooosiee, just imagine this is a clever rhyme expressing my undying love to you. But I really DO love you a ton, with rhyme or with none. Love, Dan.



News Review
How I love you!
Happy Valentine's Day!



To Dora: A challenge? No problem!
The solution you know: Reverse the polarity of the neutron flow! Happy Valentine's Day :-).

Love, E.
P.S. Scarves are cool!



Baby, we met at a movie and our story would make a good movie. Here is to many more years of trips and movies and health and love with and for our dragon princess.



TO OUR 24 KARAT DARLINGS,
YM, MM, EM (AND MAMA & DADA).
YOU LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM
GRANDMA AND GRANDBOB



I love you now, and for all time.
Every beat, my heart is thine.
Ayla, will you be my Valentine?



Great big Valentine's love and gratitude to our amazing and hardworking Public Works department!
Your hard work in the icy cold warms our hearts!
Love, your Greenbelt neighbors



My sweetie, Suji. So thankful to God for you.
May He bless our growing Malddong and generously lead us to new jobs so we survive it all. 사랑해!

Love you!



I'll show you my secret stash of nuts.
I'll climb the tallest tree for you.
You make my heart scamper.
I'm absolutely nuts about you.
Please be my Valentine!



Maeve — we love you snow much! Your skiing we can't touch. Ski you later!

Love M/M



TO MY SWEET SAMMI BABY,
MI AMOR, MON AMOUR, WILL
YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

LOVE, CHRIS



Kai - A last love note, for a senior you are. Wherever you head, our love goes that far.

Love M/M



Alexandra & Chris –
Bad politics are red,
Intellectuals are blue,
Thanks for all the favors;
I'm glad I'll always have you!

Chimby Wimby, gorgeous trimby,
Mamatama's little soup dumpling –
Future author, current soccer star,
Happy Valentine's! Love you near and far.

Beabalittlejoonbea,
Mama's vivacious moonbeam –
Happy Valentine's Day
To a martial and creative artist
who brings me joy in every way.



To the Co-op grocery and pharmacy,
the heart and hub of our little utopia,
Happy Valentine's Day
and a ginormous thank you
for being here in rain or shine, sleet or snow!
With love, from a very hungry Greenbelter.



Greenbelt Honk! Situation! I love it when you push it and do whatcha wanna while you're funkini' it up in your track suit. Y'all delight and annoy the community in just the right way! I've Got to be real, we are family and I LOVE BUSTIN' LOOSE with y'all, your proud Band Leader.



Lisa and Kirk,
Happy Valentines Day! Our love and appreciation for you are unmeasurable and you will always be our relationship goals. Tell Dash and Musette we said pspspsp (in a valentiney way)

Love, Rosa and Kerry



My Dearest Rosa,
will you be my Valentine?
____ Yes ____ No

